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# THE APOCALYPSE OF ANONYMOUS

WHICH GOD GAVE HIM  
TO SHOW HIS SLAVES  
THINGS THAT MUST OCCUR QUICKLY.

*Blessed is the one reading,  
and those hearing,  
the words of prophecy.*

*Keep the things written in it,  
for the time is near.*

*Behold! he comes with the clouds,  
and every eye will see him —  
even those who pierced him.*

*And all the tribes of the earth  
will wail because of him.*

I. *THE CALL*

I entered the spirit on the Day of the Lord, and heard behind me a great voice like a trumpet. And I turned to see the voice which spoke with me, and having turned I saw seven golden lamps, and in the midst of the seven lamps stood one like the son of man, clothed in a garment reaching down to the feet, and girded about the chest with a golden belt. His head and hair were white as wool, or snow, and his eyes burned like flames. His feet glowed like fine brass, being fired in a furnace. His voice sounded like torrents of water, and he held in his right hand seven stars. His tongue was a sharp double-edged sword coming out of his mouth, and his face shone as the sun at noon in its power. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead; and he put his right hand upon me, saying to me,

*Fear not! I am the first and the last —  
I am living, then I am dead.*

*Now behold! I live to the aeons of aeons,  
and have the keys of death and hell.*

*Write what you saw, and what is,  
and what is about to happen thus —*

*The mystery of the seven stars  
that you saw on my right hand,  
and the seven golden lamps.*

II. *SEVEN WORKS OF THE CONQUEROR*

1. *I know your works,  
and your labour, and your patience;  
and how you cannot bear evil-doers.*

*But this I have against you —  
that you left your first love.*

*Remember, therefore, whence you have fallen,  
and repent, and perform the first work;  
if not, I come quickly.*

*I will allow the Conqueror  
to eat from the tree of life.*

2. *Have no fear  
for what you may suffer.*

*Behold! the Devil  
casts you into prison —  
that you may be tried,  
and kept in tribulation.*

*Be faithful unto death;  
I will give you the crown of life.*

*The Conqueror will not be  
touched by the second death.*

3. *I know your works,  
and where you dwell,  
where is Satan's throne.*

*And I say unto you, who know not  
the deep things of Satan —*

*I give him authority over all the nations;  
but he shepherds them with an iron staff,  
breaking them like clay pots.*

*But I will give the Conqueror  
to eat of the hidden manna.*

4. *And I will give him a stone,  
and on that stone  
a new name is written,  
which none knows except the recipient.*

*I know your works and your love,  
and the last more than the first.*

*I am Judge of the kidneys and hearts,  
and give according to your works.*

*And to the Conqueror  
will I give the morning star.*

5. *I am not putting  
another burden on you;  
but what you have, keep until I come.*

*I know your works, and your name;  
that you live, and are dead.*

*Be watching —  
for I surprise you like a thief,  
and you know not when I come.*

*The Conqueror will be  
clothed in white garments.*

6. *Behold! I open a door before you  
and nobody is able to shut it;  
for you have a little power  
and have kept my Word,  
and have not denied my Name.*

*Behold! I come quickly.  
Be master of what you possess,  
so that none can seize your crown.*

*I will make the Conqueror  
a pillar in the house of heaven.*

7. *I know your works,  
that you are neither cold nor hot,  
and because you are lukewarm,  
I spit you out of my mouth.*

*Behold! I stand at the door and knock:  
if anyone hears my voice, and opens the door,  
I will enter, and together we will feast.*

*And I will allow the Conqueror  
to sit with me on my throne.*

### III. A VISION OF THE THRONE

After these things which I saw — Behold! a door opened in heaven, and the first voice that I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying,

*Come up here, and I will show you  
what things must take place after these.*

Immediately I became in the spirit, and saw a throne set in heaven. Upon the throne sat one who looked like precious stones of jasper and sardius. The throne was like an emerald encircled by a rainbow, and out of it came lightning, thunder and voices. Directly in front of the throne seven lamps of fire were burning, and stretching before it was a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

Near the throne, all round it, were four animals, full of eyes before and behind. The first was like a lion; the second was like a calf; the third animal had a man's face; and the fourth was like a flying eagle. The four animals each had six wings; and all round and within were full of eyes; and day and night without pause they said,

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come!*

To the right of the one who sat on the throne, I saw a book, with writing inside and out, and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel, who proclaimed with a great voice:

*Who is worthy to loosen the seal  
and open the book?*

And none in heaven, neither on earth, nor beneath the sea, was able to open the book, nor even to look upon it. And I wept much, because none was found worthy.

Then one of the angels said to me,

*Do not weep — Behold!  
the Lion conquered,  
to loosen the seven seals  
and open the book.*

And the Lion opened the first seal. And I looked and saw a white horse, and the one who sat on it had a bow. And a crown was given him, and he went out to conquer.

When he opened the second seal, out went another horse, which was red; and the one who sat on it was allowed to take peace from the earth, that people should kill one another. And a great sword was given him.

When he opened the third seal, I looked, and saw a black horse, and the one who sat on it held a balance-scale in his hand. And I heard a voice saying,

*Your day's wages for a bowl of wheat,  
or that coin buys three bowls of barley;  
nor may you touch the olive oil or wine.*

And when he opened the fourth seal, I looked, and saw a pale green horse, and the one who sat on it was Death; and hell followed him. And authority was given them to destroy over a fourth of the earth by the sword, by famine, by execution, and by beasts of the earth.

When he opened the fifth seal, I saw the souls of them who had been murdered for that which they had witnessed. And each one was given a white robe.

I saw when he opened the sixth seal, that a great earthquake occurred. And the sun turned black like hairy sackcloth; and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell to earth, as

a great wind shakes unripe figs from the tree. The heavens departed like a scroll rolling itself up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

The kings of the earth, and the mighty, and the rich, and the high officers, and the powerful, and every slave, and every freeman: all hid themselves in the caves, and in the rocks of the mountains. And they say to the mountains and rocks,

*Fall on us, hide us  
from the face of the one  
who sits on the throne!*

Then I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that they should not sweep across the earth, nor the sea, nor on the trees.

#### IV. *THE SEVENTH SEAL*

After these things I looked, and saw a great crowd which none was able to number, having been clothed with white robes, with palm-branches in their hands. And he who sits on the throne will spread his cloak over them, and lead them to the founts of living waters, and wipe every tear from their eyes.

When the Lion opened the seventh seal, a silence occurred in heaven. And I saw the seven angels who stood before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

And the first angel trumpeted. And hail and fire were mixed with blood, and cast onto the earth; and the third of the trees were burned, and all green grass was burned.

Then the second angel trumpeted. And a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea. And a third of the sea became blood; and of those sea-creatures having souls, a third of them died; and one-third of all ships were destroyed.

The third angel trumpeted. And a great burning star like a lamp fell out of heaven. And it fell into the rivers and founts of waters. A third of the waters turned into wormwood, and many people died from the waters, because they were bitter.

The fourth angel trumpeted, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon and the stars; that a third of them might be darkened, and day might not appear for one-third of it, and likewise for the night. And I heard an angel saying with a mighty voice,

*Woe, woe, woe,  
to them that dwell on earth!*

The fifth angel sounded his trumpet; and there was given to him the key of the pit of the abyss. And he opened it, and smoke went up out of the pit, like a great furnace, and the sun and air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.

And out of the smoke came forth locusts unto the earth, and they were given power like the scorpions of the earth. And in those days people will seek death, and will not find it; and will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

The locusts looked like horses prepared for war. Upon their heads were golden crowns; and they had men's faces, and hair like women. Their teeth were like lions' teeth, they had breastplates of iron, and their beating wings sounded like many horses and chariots running to war, and they have tails like scorpions, with stingers.

The sixth angel sounded his trumpet; and I heard a voice, saying,

*Loose the four angels who are  
bound at the great river Euphrates.*

Then the seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were great voices in heaven, saying,

*We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,  
he who is, and who was, and who is coming.*

Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was lightning and voices and thunder, and an earthquake, and great hail.

## V. *WAR IN HEAVEN*

A great sign was seen in the heaven: a Woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. And she cries out in pangs of childbirth, having a swollen belly, and being in torment to deliver.

And there was another sign in the heaven: a great red Dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems, and his tail drags the third of the stars of heaven, and he casts them to the earth. And the Dragon stands before the Woman who is about to bring forth, that when she delivered, he might devour her child. And the Woman fled into the wilderness.

Then there was a war in heaven. Michael and his angels battled against the Dragon; and the Dragon and his angels fought, and they were defeated, nor was their place found any more in heaven. And then was cast out the great Dragon, the ancient Serpent, who is called the Devil and Adversary, who misleads the habitable world: he was thrown down to earth, and his angels with him. And I heard a great voice saying in heaven,

*Now is come the kingdom of God,  
because the Accuser is cast down.*

*Woe to them who inhabit earth and sea,  
for the Devil descends on you in a great fury,  
knowing that he has but a brief time.*

When the Dragon saw that he was cast down into the earth, he persecuted the Woman who gave birth to the male child. And the Dragon was angry with the Woman, and went to make war with the rest of her children.

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and I saw a great Beast arising out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, spotted like a leopard, with feet like a bear, and a lion's mouth. I saw that one of its heads appeared to be mortally wounded, and then its wound was healed. And there was wonder in the whole earth after the Beast. And they did homage to the Beast, saying,

*Who is like the Beast?  
Who can fight against it?*

And it opened its mouth against God, to blaspheme his name, and his residence, and those who dwell in the house of heaven. It was allowed to make war on the saints, and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, and tongue, and nation. And all who dwell on the earth will do homage unto it.

And it gives all people — the small and the great — and the rich and the poor, and the free and the slaves — a mark on their right hand or their foreheads. And none should be able to buy or sell, except he who has the mark of the Beast, or the number of its name.

HERE IS *WISDOM*.

LET ONE WHO HAS UNDERSTANDING  
COUNT THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST —

FOR IT IS THE NUMBER OF MAN,  
AND ITS NUMBER IS 666.



VI. *ANGELS OF THE SEVEN PLAGUES*

And I looked, and saw a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sitting like the Son of Man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

Then I saw another sign in the heaven, great and wonderful: seven angels, having the seven last plagues. And I saw a sea mingled with fire, and the Conquerors of the Beast stood upon the crystal sea.

After these things I looked, and saw the chamber of the house of the witnesses in heaven; and there came forth out of the house seven angels having seven plagues, clothed in linen pure and bright, and each girded about the chest with a golden belt.

The chamber was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and none was able to enter into the chamber until the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled. And I heard a great voice out of the chamber, saying to the seven angels,

*Go — pour out the vials  
of God's fury upon the earth.*

Then the first angel departed, and poured out his vial onto the earth; and a sore, evil and grievous, appeared upon the people — the mark of the Beast.

The second angel poured out his vial into the sea; and it became blood, and in the sea every living soul died.

The third angel poured out his vial into the rivers, and into the founts of the waters; and they became blood.

The fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and it was given to it to scorch people with fire. And people were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God, who has authority over these plagues, and did not repent to give him glory.

The fifth angel poured out his vial upon the throne of the Beast; and its kingdom became darkened; and they were gnawing their tongues for the distress, and blasphemed the God of heaven for their distresses and for their sores, and did not repent of their works.

And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, that the way of the kings from the rising sun might be prepared.

Then the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air. There were voices, and thunder and lightning, and a tremendous earthquake. Not since people have lived on this earth has there been so great and mighty an earthquake. And every island fled, and no mountains were to be found, and great hailstones, weighing a talent each, came down out of heaven. And people blasphemed God, because the plague of hail was exceedingly great.

## VII. *THE WOMAN AND THE DRAGON*

One of the seven angels having vials came, and spoke with me, saying to me,

*‘Come here, I will show you the Great Harlot  
who sits upon the many waters,  
with whom the kings of the earth did lie.*

*‘They that dwell on the earth were made drunk  
with the wine of her adultery.’*

Then he carried me away in spirit to a wilderness. And I saw a Woman, sitting upon a scarlet Beast with seven heads and ten horns, full of names of blasphemy. And the Woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, gilded with gold and precious stones and pearls, and held a golden cup in her hand. And upon her forehead a legend is written:

# MYSTERY

## Babylon the Great

***MOTHER OF HARLOTS***



of Abominations of the Earth.

And I saw that the Woman drunk was with the blood of the saints and witnesses. And having seen her, I was filled with great wonder. And the angel said to me,

*‘Why did you wonder?  
for now I will tell unto you  
the mystery of the Woman,  
and of the Beast that carries her,  
which has seven heads and ten horns.*

*'The Beast that you saw  
is about to come up out of the abyss  
— and they who dwell on the earth  
will be amazed, to see the Beast  
which was, and is not, and yet is.'*

VIII. *LAMENT FOR BABYLON FALLEN*

After these things I saw an angel descending from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was lighted with his glory. And he cried mightily with a great voice, saying,

*'Fallen! Babylon the Great is fallen,  
deserted, a habitation of demons —*

*A dwelling of every unclean spirit,  
a nest of every taboo and hated bird*

*— because all the nations drank  
the intoxicating wine of her adulteries.*

*Kings of the earth used her as a whore,  
and the merchants of the earth  
got rich by the power of her luxury.*

*Render to her as she rendered to you,  
and double to her what she doubles.*

*In the cup which she tempered,  
mix it for her double.*

*She glories in luxurious living,  
because in her heart she says:*

*"I sit a queen, and a widow I am not,  
and no mourning will I see." '*

The kings of the earth, when they see the smoke of her burning, will stand afar off in fear of her torment, saying,

*'Woe, woe, the great city!  
Babylon the mighty city!'*

And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, because none buys their wares any more.

*Cargo of gold and silver,  
precious stones and pearls;  
fine linens of purple, silk and scarlet;*

*all kinds of wood, every article of ivory;  
and all manner of fine wooden vessels,  
and vessels of brass, iron, and marble;*

*cinnamon, incense, ointment,  
frankincense, wine and oil;  
and finest flour and wheat;*

*cattle, sheep, and horses,  
and chariots, and bodies,  
and human souls.*

*And the ripe fruits  
of the desire of your soul  
depart from you,*

*and all the rich delicacies  
and bright trinkets depart from you,  
never to be found again.*

The merchants of these things, who were enriched by her, will stand afar off for fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, and saying,

*‘Woe, woe, the great city!  
clothed in fine linen, purple and scarlet,  
adorned with gold, precious stones and pearls!’*

— for in an hour her wealth was swept away. And every navigator, and all ships’ companies, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, and cried, seeing the smoke of her burning fire, saying,

*‘What is like the great city?’*

And they cast dust upon their heads, and cried, weeping and mourning, saying,

*‘Woe, woe, the great city,  
sea merchants got rich  
through her costliness!’*

— for in one hour was she ruined. And an angel took up a great millstone, and cast it down into the sea, saying,

*‘Thus with violence will be cast down  
Babylon the great city,  
and never more will you be found.*

*'Never again will be heard in you  
the voice of harpers and musicians  
and pipers and trumpeters.*

*'No artists at all will be found in you,  
nor will the sound of a millstone  
ever be heard in you again.*

*'No more lamplight will shine in you,  
and the voices of Bride and Groom  
no longer will be heard in you.*

*'Your merchants were the greatest on earth —  
by whose illusions  
all the nations were seduced.'*

#### IX. *THE WEDDING SUPPER*

After these things I heard a great voice of a crowd of people, like torrential waters, or as mighty thunder, saying, 'Hallelujah!

*'The Lord God Almighty has prevailed!  
We rejoice and exult, and give glory to him!*

*'And now it is time for the Lion's wedding,  
and his Bride should make herself ready.'*

It was ordered that she should be clothed in fine linen, pure and bright. And he said to me,

*'Blessèd are they who are called  
to the wedding supper of the Lion.'*

I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in mid-heaven,

*'Come to the Feast of the Great God!  
to dine on the flesh of kings —*

*flesh of high officers, flesh of mighty men,  
the flesh of horses and their riders —  
all flesh, free or slave, small and great.*

And I saw an angel descending out of heaven, having the key of the abyss, and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the Dragon, the ancient Serpent, and bound him a thousand years, casting

him into the abyss, and shut him up, and sealed him over until a thousand years were completed. But after these things he must be loosed a little time.

*This is the first resurrection.  
Blessèd and holy is whoever  
partakes in the first resurrection —  
The second death has no power over them.*

I saw a great white throne, and the one who sits on it. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And the dead were judged out of the things written in the books according to their works. Then the sea gave up its dead, and death and hell gave up the dead in them, and they were each judged according to their works; and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and the sea is no longer. And he who sat on the throne said,

*‘Behold! I make all things new.  
I am alpha and omega,  
first and last.*

*‘Whosoever thirsts:  
to that one I give freely  
the source of the water of life.*

*‘The Conqueror inherits all things,  
and I will be God to him,  
and he will be son to me.’*

## X. THE CELESTIAL CITY

Then there came to me one of the seven angels, who spoke with me, saying,

*‘Come here, I will show you  
the Bride, wife of the Lion.’*

And he carried me away in spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, and her luminary was like a stone most precious, as a crystalline jasper stone, having also a great and high wall, having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels.

On the east were three gates; on the north, three gates; on the south, three gates; and on the west, three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations. And the one who spoke with

me had a golden reed, that he might measure the city, and its gates, and its wall. And the city lies four-square, and its length and breadth are the same.

He measured the city with the reed, 12,000 stadia, and the length and breadth and height of it are equal. And he measured its wall, 144 cubits of human measure. And the structure of its wall was jasper, and the city was pure gold, clear as glass. The foundations of the city walls were adorned with every precious stone:

*The first foundation, jasper;  
the second foundation, sapphire;  
the third foundation, chalcedony;  
the fourth foundation, emerald;  
the fifth foundation, sardonyx;  
the sixth foundation, sardius;  
the seventh foundation, chrysolite;  
the eighth foundation, beryl;  
the ninth foundation, topaz;  
the tenth foundation, chrysoprasus;  
the eleventh foundation, jacinth;  
the twelfth foundation, amethyst.*

The twelve gates were pearls, and the streets of the city were pure gold, transparent like glass. I saw nobody in the chamber, for it is the house of the Lord God Almighty. And the city has no need of the sun or moon, for it is lighted by God's glory; and its gates will never be shut by day, for there will be no night.

And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne. In the city's central square, with rivers on every side, was the Tree of Life, producing twelve fruits, yielding in each month its fruit; and the leaves of the tree were efficacious for healing the nations. And every curse will be lifted.

*And the Bride says, 'Come' —  
he that thirsts, let him come.*

*And he that will, let him  
take freely the water of life.*